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DX News

AU7RS Lakshadweep -update February 19

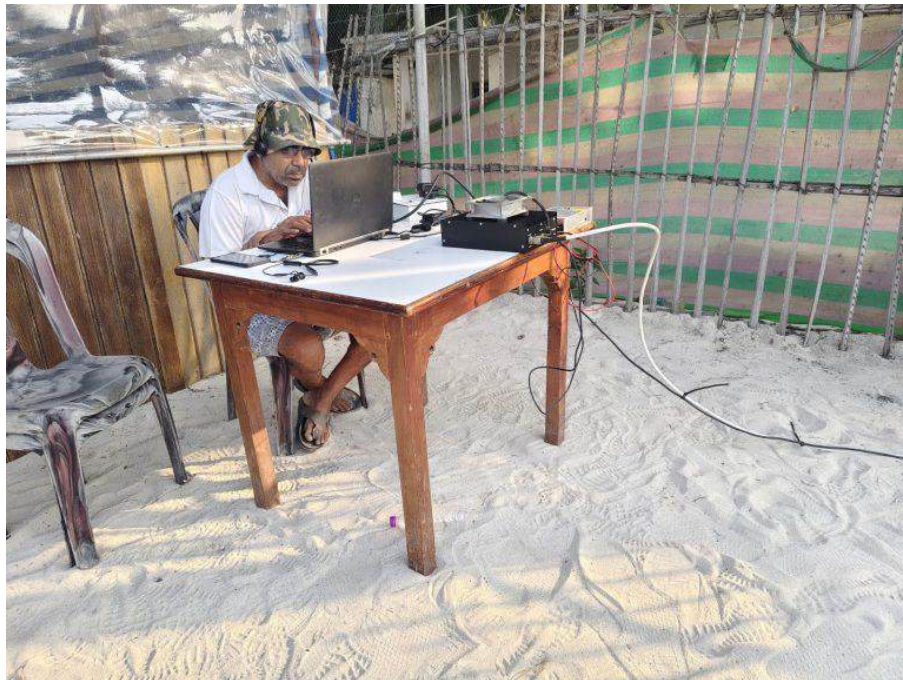
The AU7RS DXpedition team acknowledges recent anonymous posts questioning the team's operational choices, including mode and band selection.

"We operate based on propagation conditions, aiming to provide All Time New Ones (ATNOs) to as many DXers as possible," said the team leader. "Our priority is to maximize the number of contacts, rather than focusing on individual bands or modes."

The team notes that operating in this remote location comes at significant expense and effort, and appreciates understanding and support from the DX community. "We built this team over years, leveraging our experience in CW, SSB, and digital modes," the team leader added.

The AU7RS DXpedition will continue operations tomorrow with one radio, focusing on 10m-40m, with scheduled ATNO contacts.

QO-100 operation at AU7RS



New digital mode: FT2 (by Martino IU8LMC developer)

FT2 is not a theoretical concept. It is fully working software, tested and operational.

On February 16, 2026, we successfully completed dozens of real contacts in FT2 mode, with transmission cycles of 3.8 seconds — four times faster than FT8 and twice as fast as FT4. QSOs were verified on two bands (40 meters and 80 meters) with stations in Campania, Capri, Sardinia, and Turin. Signals were successfully decoded down to -12 dB signal-to-noise ratio.

FT2 uses the same codec as FT8 and FT4: 77-bit payload, LDPC (174,91) encoding, 8-GFSK modulation. The only difference is the time compression: shorter symbols, cycle reduced to 3.8 seconds. The result is a complete QSO in 7-11 seconds, compared to the full minute required in FT8.

<https://www.dx-world.net/new-digital-mode-ft2/>

VP0SG South Georgia Island -update

ARDXpeditions is now actively fundraising for the **VP0SG** South Georgia DXpedition. Your contribution will directly support vessel charter, transport, permits, fuel, and essential equipment for this major operation. If you would like to support the project, you can donate securely via PayPal at [this link](#). Every contribution — large or small — helps bring VP0SG on the air for the global amateur radio community. Thank you for your support.

KP5/NP3VI Desecheo Island -update February 17 1800z

It's a beautiful sunny day at Desecheo. The forecast for the week looks promising. Expect ongoing operation. Thank you for support.

We have now exceeded 75,000 QSOs using our fully solar-powered, unattended Remote Deployment Unit. This marks 35 days of operation since we began on January 12, 2026 demonstrating the reliability and effectiveness of this first-ever approach to activating a rare DXCC entity using renewable energy. Current statistics show 75,285 QSOs and 16,011 unique callsigns in the log.

TL8BNW Central African Republic -update by Joao CR7BNW

Unfortunately, on 31st January, my small linear amplifier finally gave up the ghost. It had performed far beyond expectations, but the workload proved too much in the end. From that moment on, it became a true race against time to secure a replacement that was immediately available. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Marcus at HAMSHOP MOBILE, who managed — within just one week — to arrange for an SPE Expert 1.5K TAURUS to be delivered to Portugal, allowing me to bring it here to Bangui this week.

RI1FJL Franz Josef Land -update by Vasily R7AL

Today we passed first important milestone of our upcoming RI1FJL dxpedition, which is scheduled for late August – early September 2026.

We paid the first \$20000 for the vessel and signed the contract with the skipper. So it's no way back for sure -))

However, we are still waiting for the permission to stay on the Polar Observatory facilities, but confident we'll get it soon.

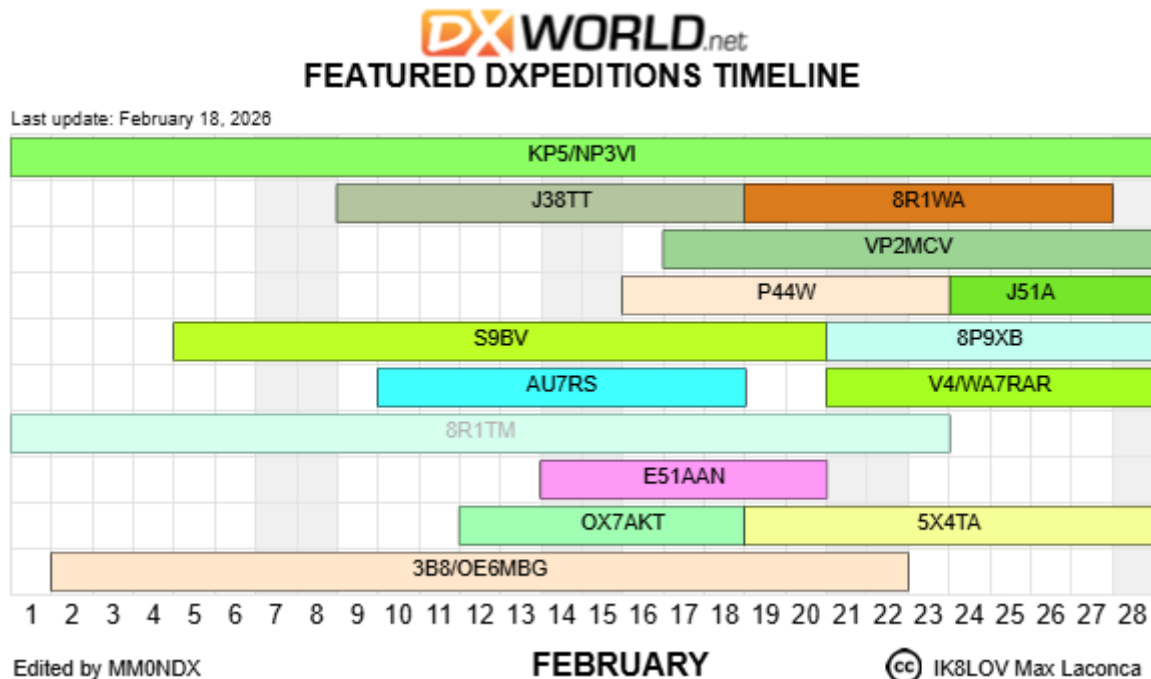
A big thanks to all Clubs, Foundations and Individual Donors who already supported our DXpedition. RI1FJL team really appreciate your Support!

We raised 3000\$ so far but the budget deficit remains large. We kindly invite you to support our effort! (Website link at bottom).

Slav OK8AU on right with skipper of yacht



DXCC timeline



DXCC

This week on air

Caribbean Tour by Richard VE2DX

Richard, VE2DX is operating from multiple Caribbean islands until March 5. His itinerary is attached. *Note:* He will be in Barbados (8P) during March 3-5. While at sea he will sign VE2DX/VE0.

Caribbean Tour by Olafur TF1OL

J7, Dominica as J79OL until February 21
FS, Saint Martin to follow
 Operation using FT8.

DX tour by Hrane YT1AD, Sergey R7KW and Steve YU3AA/NS3A

DU6, PHILIPPINES DU6/N9YU and DU6/NS3A March 4-12

KH2, GUAM KH2/N9YU and KH2/NS3A March 13-17

KH0, MARIANA KH0/N9YU and KH0/NS3A March 17-23

Operation on HF using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via homecalls, N9YU via YT1AD and NS3A via YU3AA.

3B8, MAURITIUS Michael, OE6MBG is operating as 3B8/call until February 23. Operation on HF with focus on 80 and 40 metre using CW, SSB and possible FT4/8. QSL via LoTW.

4S, SRI LANKA Peter, DC0KK is once again active as 4S7KKG until end March. Activity from 60 to 6 metres using FT8 and QO-100. QSL via home call, LoTW, OQRS.

5Z, KENYA Michael, OZ6ABL is operating as 5Z4/call until February 28. Operation in 'holiday-style' from 80 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via home call, LoTW, OQRS.

8P, BARBADOS Mike, VE2XB will be QRV as 8P9XB from February 21 until February 28, 2026. Operation from 40 to 10 metres using CW and SSB. QSL via home call. Mike is also planning trips to V31ZY, 5H, ZA, 9H, J79XB, J38XB and TI5 for later next year.

8R, GUYANA A team with IZ0EGA, IZ0EVI, IZ0EWJ and IZ6DSQ will be operating as 8R1WA from February 19 until February 27. Operation from 160 to 6 metres using SSB and FT8.

<https://guyana2026.wordpress.com/>

8R, GUYANA Aldir, PY1SAD is once again operating as 8R1TM until February 23. QRV on all bands with 6 metres included using CW, SSB, digi and SAT. QSL via LoTW or direct.

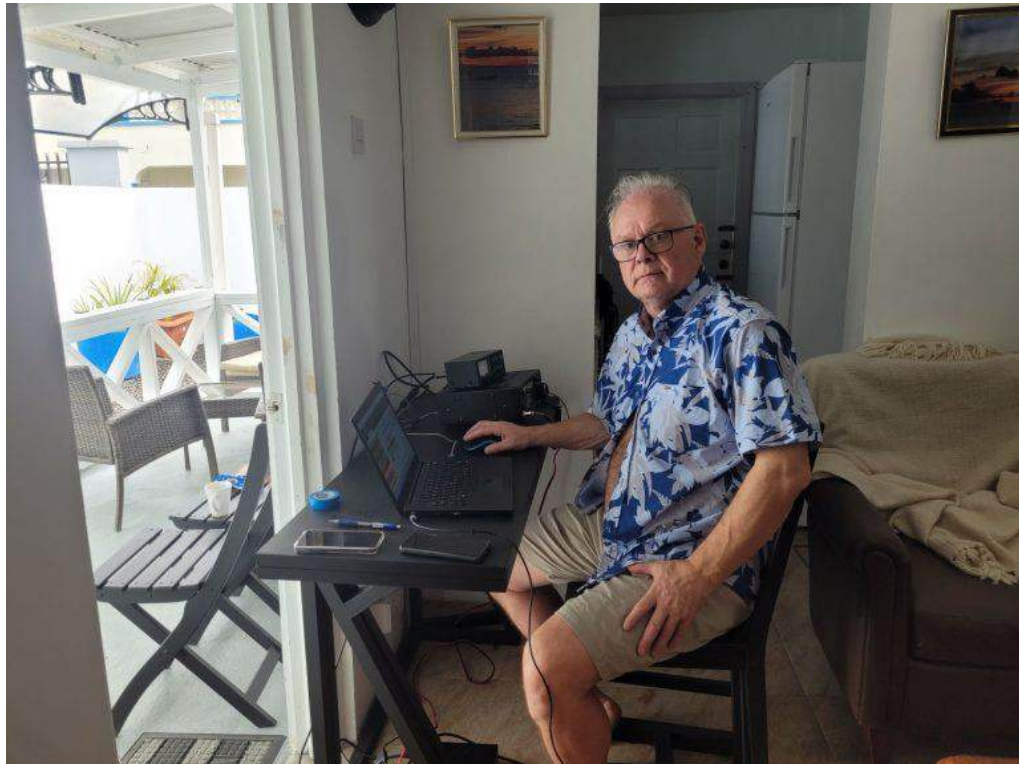
C2, NAURU Phil, FK1TS/C21TS is back on air until end July 2026.

C5, THE GAMBIA Andre, ON7YK is again active as C5YK. Previously, his activity has lasted a few months; generally into February or March. QRV mainly on the high bands using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW and eQSL, or via home call (direct or bureau).

E5, SOUTH COOK Bert, CX3AN is operating as E51AAN until February 20. Operation in 'holiday-style' with 100w and a wire antenna.

FJ, ST BARTHELEMY Andreas, DK6AS is operating as FJ/call until early March. Operation from 80 to 6 metres using CW and FT4/8. An entry in the ARRL DX XCW contest is included. QSL via home call.

On the scene...J790L Dominica



H4, SOLOMON ISL Bernard (DL2GAC) is once again QRV as H44MS from Manakwai village until April 10. Operation from 80 to 6 metres using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

HR, HONDURAS Gerard, F2JD is operating as HR5/call from Copan until March. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via F6AJA direct or bureau.

J5, GUINEA-BISSAU Last active in January '25, Livio, IZ3BUR is again QRV as J52EC until early March. Look for him on 10 & 15m SSB. QSL via IZ3BUR (direct only).

J7, DOMINICA Haluk TA2LE will be operating for 1 year as J79H from 'The Nature Island'. Operation from 40 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via M0OXO.

JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA Take, JG8NQJ will once again be active as call/JD1 from February 26 until mid-May during his spare time. Mostly using CW and FT8. QSL via JA8CJY, LoTW.

KP5, DESECHEO ISL In collaboration with the Vieques Island Amateur Radio Club (NP3VI) and the Manyana DX Foundation, a landmark DXpedition to Desecheo Island (KP5), currently ranked as the 14th most wanted DXCC entity worldwide. To ensure continuous, global on-air presence, two self-sustained Remote Deployable Units (RDUs) provided by the Manyana DX Foundation are deployed on the island. These stations are operating 24 hours a day for 30 consecutive days, utilizing state-of-the-art remote operating infrastructure from Remote Ham Radio (RHR). The primary mission of this DXpedition is to provide an All-Time New One (ATNO) to as many amateur radio operators worldwide as possible. Operators from Puerto Rico and international locations will participate to maximize coverage, band availability, and global accessibility.

<https://desecheo2026.com/kp5/>

P4, ARUBA John, W2GD is once again QRV as P44W until February 23. QRV from his QTH in

Santa Cruz, an entry in the ARRL DX CW contest is included. Prior to the contest activity is planned on all bands using CW. QSL via LoTW and N2MM.

PJ2, CURACAO Thaire, W2APF is QRV as PJ2/call until March 31. Activity from 80 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8 with a Elecraft K5D and a Buddipole, DX Commander for 40 and 30 and a doublet for 80. QSL via home call, LoTW.

PJ2, CURACAO Andre, PD1DRE is back as PJ2/call until March 4 in 'holiday-style'.

S9, SAO TOME & PRINCIPE Borut, S53BV is active as S9BV until February 20. QRV in 'holiday-style' on 60, 40, 30 and 15 meter using CW and SSB with full size verticals, a dipole and an Icom IC-7000. QSL via OQRS only.

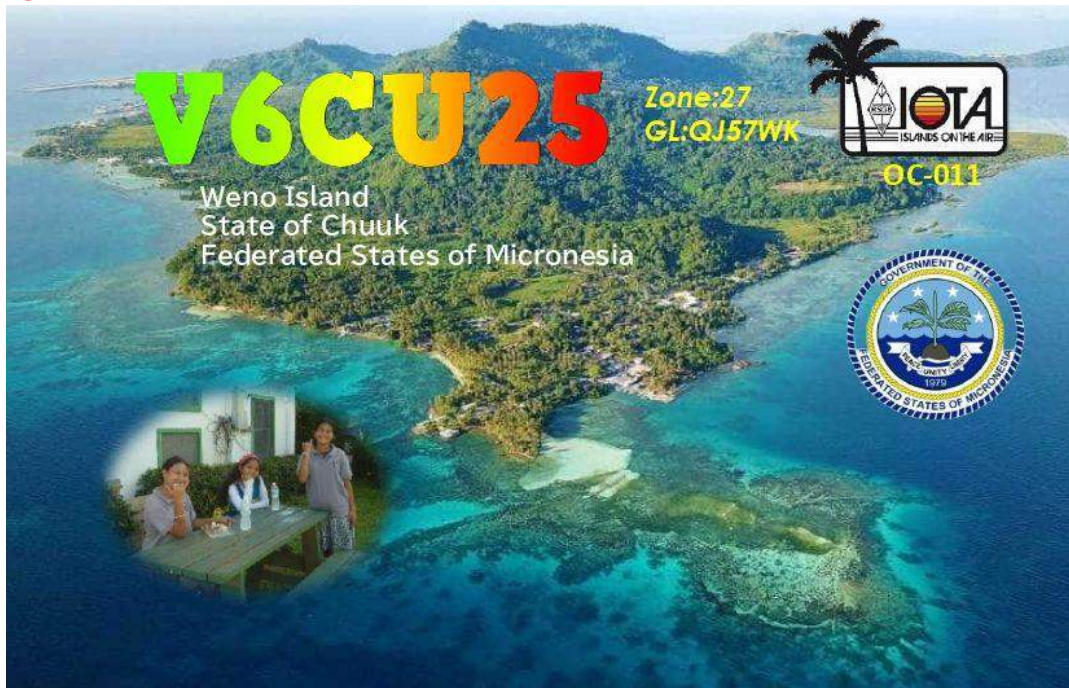
T8, PALAU Look for Masu JA3AVO, Mune JI3DNN and Kuni JA1CJA as T88MB, T88CZ and T88DK from the VIP Guest Hotel between February 25 and March 5, 2026. Operation on several bands and various modes. QSL via home call.

TL, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC Joao, CR7BNW is operating as TL8BNW until June. Activity on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres using SSB and FT8 with a dipole.

TY, BENIN Gerard, F5NVF is operating from Godomey as TY5GG until April. QRV on various bands using CW and FT8 from 80 to 10 metres. QSL via LoTW.

TZ, MALI Ulmar, DK1CE is once again active as TZ1CE until March 1. Operation from 160 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.

QSL preview



V3, BELIZE Uwe, DL8UD is once again operating as V31KO / V3O during February and March. Operation from 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and FT8. An entry in the ARRL CW contest is included as V3O. QSL via EA5GL.

V3, BELIZE Walt W0CP and Mary K0ZV is once again active as V31DJ and V31DK during February. Operation on HF using SSB and FT8. An entry in the ARRL DX CW contest is included. QSL via LoTW.

V4, ST KITTS Chris, WA7RAR will be operating as V4/call from February 21 until March 7 2026. QRV from near Cockleshell Bay as V4/call, with also POTA operation from 20 to 10 metres using CW and SSB. QSL via homecall direct.

V4, ST KITTS Tom, K0YA and Antoinette W5RCX are operating until March 9. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT8 in 'holiday-style'. QSL via LoTW.

V5, NAMIBIA Gunter, DK2WH is once again QRV as V51WH until March 24. Activity from a farm near Omaruru from 160 to 6 metres (60m included).

VP2M, MONTSEERRAT Chuck, KG9N is active as VP2MCV until March 3. Operation on all bands and all modes with an entry in the ARRL DX CW contest. QSL via LoTW and home call.

VP8, FALKLAND ISL Tom, DC8TM and Martina DF3TS is operating as VP8TM from various SOTA and POTA locations until February 28. Activity on HF using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW.

VP9, BERMUDA Darrell AB2E is again active from Bermuda as AB2E/VP9 until February 24. He will be joined by John, K3TEJ/VP9. Both QRV in the ARRL DX CW contest; M2/LP as VP9I. Before / after the contest activity by both ops on CW, SSB and FT8 with focus on WARC and low bands bands. QSL via LoTW / direct to home call. VP9I via WW3S.

Z8, SOUTH SUDAN Once again, Diya YI1DZ is active as Z81D, his UN-WFP contract runs until March 30. Activity from 40 to 6 metres using SSB and FT8. Perhaps some 60 and 80 metres. QSL via OM3JW, LoTW.

Coming up soon

8Q, MALDIVES Alex, OE5AUH will be operating as 8Q7AH during March 1-10 from Rasdhoo Atoll. More to follow.

8Q, MALDIVES Lubo, OM5ZW and Laco OM4WM will be QRV as 8Q7ZW from Thulusdhoo Island between February 28 and March 12. Operation from 160 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. Focus on the low bands. QSL via OQRS.

T8, PALAU Czech DXpedition Team members (OK1BOA, OK2ZA, OK3RM, OK6DJ) will be QRV during March 3-19 as T8OK. They will not be using the Palau rental QTH which many JA ops in particular use. More details to follow. QSL via OQRS Club Log OK6DJ.

VP2E, ANGUILLA A team with SP9FIH, M0PLX and SQ2RAD will be active as VP2EAD, VP2EWE and VP2ELX from March 3 until March 20. Operation from 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and FT8.

XU, CAMBODIA A team with JA1COU, JK2XXK, JA3GEP, VK6DX and F5VMJ will be operating from Phnom Penh as XU7AMO between February 27 and March 2. This is a QO-100 / RS-44 / FO-29 / SO-50 satellite operation.

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◆ 147 DXCC Entities
◆ On the Air Since: 12 Jan 2026
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IOTA

This week on air

ASIA

AS-024 Yaeyama Isl Hide, JO1CRA will be operating as call/JR6 between February 17 and February 21. QRV from 40 to 6 metres using CW and FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW and Club Log.

AS-079 Miyako Isl Take, JI3DST is active again as JS6RRR until April 17. Operation from 40 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. Take is also using JI3DST/6, JJ5RBH/6, JI3DST/P and JJ5RBH/P. QSO's are uploaded to Club Log and LoTW.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-079 Dry Tortugas Look for the N4T team until February 25. Main goal is 6 metre activity from the rare grid EL84, also from various POTA parks. QSL via KC3YQL.

OCEANIA

OC-150 Lombok Isl Jozef, ON6HX is once again active YB9/call until March 11. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via LoTW, home call.

Land of QSL <https://www.facebook.com/groups/landofqsls/>

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We would like to thank the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service; Captain Bill Austin and the Crew of the SS Midway; The Fullard Leo Family; Davis RF Products; Hex Beams; Force 12 Antennas; Delta DX Assoc; Portugal DX Group; Lone Star DX Club; U.K. DX Foundation; A special thanks to AC7DX; KH7U; W4DKS; W4RS; WD4JRA; WJ4T and especially to all those worldwide who contacted us. For without you we could not have had a dxpedition. THANKS TO ALL.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

T8, PALAU A team with Masu JA3AVO, Mune JI3DNN, Kuni JA1CJA, Jusei JA3IVU and Shozo JA3HJI plan (tentatively) activity from the VIP Guest Hotel, Koror, Palau during October 21-29, 206. QRV on various bands and modes as: T88MB (JA3AVO), T88CZ (JI3DNN), T88DK (JA1CJA), T88ED (JA3IVU) and as T88DN (JA3HJI).

THE REMINDERS

The Rebel DX Group update

Dom, 3D2USU recently let DX-World know that, he along with one other op in the Rebel DX Group, plan to visit and be active from the following Pacific DXCC entities in the months ahead.

H44 – Solomon Islands (dates: t.b.a)

H40 – Temotu Province (dates: t.b.a)

ZK3 – Tokelau (after current E6 activity)

KH8/S – Swains Island (~ 1 week activity)

T33 – Banaba (after ZK3)

T31 – Central Kiribati (April 2026)

3A, MONACO Col MM0NDX and Steve MM0SAJ will once again QRV as 3A/MM0NDX and 3A/MM0SAJ sometime 2026. QRV on various bands and modes. Main focus on low bands in their evenings. QSL both calls to EB7DX (LoTW also).

4K, AZERBAIJAN Jan, DL4XT will be back as 4K/DL4XT this summer for 2 weeks. More to follow.
[Youth Contest Team](#)

5W, SAMOA Jacek, SP5EAQ will be active as 5W0AF starting around March 22 for 3 weeks. QRV from 40 to 10 metres (possible 80m also) using SSB only. <https://5w0af.dxing.pl/>

6Y, JAMAICA Hiro, JH6GFY will be operating as call/6Y during March 18-24. Operation from 40 to 10 metres using a ft-991A and a dipole. QSL via LoTW.

9N, NEPAL Jan, DL4XT mentions: 'Activity planned in summer 2026! This is my biggest DXpedition planned so far. I got a verbal agreement on the callsign 9N7XT, but this isn't confirmed yet, so it might still change.' Operation from 160 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8 with a FT-891 100W. <https://yct.janlabs.de/dx/nepal2026>

9Y, TRINIDAD Look for 9Y4I during the ARRL 160 Meter CW Contest. Caribbean Top Band CW signals are limited — listen carefully for 9Y4I during peak low-band windows.

C5, THE GAMBIA Arnaud F4AGG and Kuc F5RAV will be active as C5B, C5C and C5D between April 25 and May 8. C5B from Bijolo AF-06 with SAT activity, C5C using CW and SSB and C5D from the mainland using RTTY, PSK and FT8. QSL via F5RAV direct, LoTW.

C6, BAHAMAS Brian, AD8FS will be operating as C6AFD from Eleuthera Island during March 24-31. Operation from 40 to 10 metres using SSB and FT8. An entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest is included. QSL via LoTW. <https://ad8fd.com/dxpeditions/eleuthera-2026/>

On the scene...KP5/NP3VI Desecheo Island



C8, MOZAMBIQUE The Czech DX Team will be active as C8K during September/October 2026. Operation from 160 to 6 meter and QO-100, RS-44, IO-117 using CW, SSB and digi. Club Log live stream if possible. QSL via OK6DJ OQRS, LoTW. Antennas: 6m 5el. YAGI, 10m 4el. Yagi, 10-15-20 incl WARC 3 x Spiderbeam, 17/15/12m 2el. YAGI, 2x 30m phased verticals, 2x40m phased verticals, 80m vertical + 10 pcs radials, 160 vertical + 10pcs radials RX: 3x Beverage + RX vertical Focus on low bands.

CY0, SABLE ISL The CY0S Dxpediton Team will once again be active between March 19 and March 30/31, 2026. "As we have done in the past, we will personally transport all of the gear to Halifax, Nova Scotia shortly before the DXpedition", they say. "We have been informed by Sable Aviation that the cost of the flights to the island have significantly increased since 2023. Fund raising has now officially begun for the CY0S DXpedition" <https://t-rexsoftware.com/cy0s/>

D4, CAPE VERDE Claudio, HB9OAU will be operating from Boavista Island from March 18 until March 25. Activity in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 6 metres using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via IK8KHC.

E5, COOK ISL Steve ZL2KE and Steve ZL4CZ will once again be active as E51CZZ and E51KEE next July/August 2026. QRV from Rarotonga, more to follow.

E6, NIUE Tom, KC0W will be operating as E6CW sometime 2026. Operation from 40 to 6 metres using CW only. More to follow.

FG, GUADELOUPE Stefan, HB9JAB will be active from Guadeloupe as FG/HB9JAB between March 7-12 and March 20-27. QRV from both Grande-Terre and Base-Terre during his stay. He will run an FT-891 and a wire antenna covering 20-10m using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

FM, MARTINIQUE Miguel, EA1BP will once again be operating as FM/call or TO7O during the CQ WPX SSB contest. Outside the contest QRV on WARC bands using SSB. QSL via home call, LoTW.

FM, MARTINIQUE Darrell, AB2E will be operating as TO3E between May 26 and June 2. An entry in the CQWPX CW contest is included. Before and after the contest he will focus on WARC and low bands using mostly CW with some FT8 and RTTY. QSL via LoTW or direct via home call.

FO, AUSTRAL ISL A team with PG5M, PA3EWP, DL2AMD, PA2KW, DK2AMM and DL2AWG will be operating as TX5EU between March 12 and March 25. Operation from 80 to 10 metres using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via Club Log, LoTW or via DL2AWG buro. <https://tx5eu-2026.topdx.de/#welcome>

FO, MARQUESAS ISL A team of 6 operators (K5WE, W5CCP, N5TEA, K4VBM, WD5COV and F6BCW) will be active as TX9W from April 19 until April 30. Activity with 6 stations from 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and digi. Depending upon a reliable internet connection, logs will be uploaded to Club Log daily and Club Log Livestream will be active. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW shortly after returning home. <https://k5we.com/tx9w/>

FO, MARQUESAS ISL Chunki, VA7YM will be on a circumnavigation trip and the first stop is Marquesas. Operation as FO/call sometime July. More on QRZ.com.

Guess the QSL



FP, ST PIERRE AND MIQUELON Eric, KV1J will once again be active as FP/call, this for the 18th time. Activity between June 27 and July 13 with an entry in the IARU HF Contest. [FP/KV1J July 2026](https://www.qrz.com/db/KV1J)

J5, GUINEA BISSAU A team with Ben DA1DX, Win DK9IP, Andy DL8LAS, Uli DM5EE and Lutz DM6EE will be active from the Bijagos Archipelago during February/March. They will try QO-100 satellite to, this have never been done before from J5. Operation from 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via DJ4MX, Club Log. Full details on <https://www.qrz.com/db/J51A>.

J7, DOMINICA Stefan, HB9JAB will be operating as J79C between March 13 and March 20. QRV on HF using SSB and FT8 with a Yaesu FT-891 and a wire antenna.

JD1, OGASAWARA Masa, JA0RQV will be active in 'holiday-style' as JA0RQV/JD1 between March 13-16. Operation from 80 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

JW, SVALBARD Kaare, LA8EKA will be active from the JW5E club station as JW8EKA between March 13-15, 2026. Operation from 20 to 10 metres and perhaps the low bands using SSB and digi. QSL via home call.

HK0, MALPELO Last active in 2012 (by **HK0NA** who still maintain the 2nd highest ever QSO count for a Dxpedition), the Colombian League of Radio Amateurs (HK3LR) and its Board of Directors has announced its main goal – to stage a Dxpedition to Malpelo island, SA-007. It is hoped for a February 2026 activity, but this is not yet confirmed. Stay tuned for more info in the coming

weeks..

PJ2, CURACAO Frank, PH2M will again be active as PJ2/PH2M during June 12-29. QRV holiday-style on 60-6m, mainly FT8, some SSB. QSL via buro, direct, LoTW.

PJ7, ST MAARTEN Tom, AA9A will once again be operating as PJ7AA from March 8 until April 4, 2026. Activity from 80 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. An entry in some contests is included. QSL via LoTW, home call, Club Log.

R1/F, FRANZ JOSEF LAND After two years of planning the RUDXT are proud to announce a DXpedition to the northernmost DXCC in the world – Franz Josef Land. Team of 6 operators will be active from Heiss island (FJL) during 15 days in late August-early September 2026.

<https://www.rudxt.org/ri1fjl>

S2, BANGLADESH The Next Generation DX Club will be off to Bangladesh around March 20 until April 1. The team will sign as S21WD from 160 to 10 metres and satellites. During the activity period, we also intend to participate in the CQ WPX SSB Contest in a Multi-Operator category, operating as S21WD. <https://next-generation-dx.com/s2/>

T8, PALAU Ken, JP1RIW will be QRV as T88KH during March 26-30, 2026. An entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest is included. QSL via BM2JCC or OQRS.

T8, PALAU Yas, JA6UBY will be operating as T88RR from June 10 until June 18, 2026. Activity from 160 to 6 metres using SSB, FT4/8. QSL via LoTW or home call.

On the scene...3B8/OE6MBG Mauritius



T8, PALAU Nobu, JA0JHQ will once again be active as T88PB during June 19-22, 2026. An entry in the All Asian DX CW contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.

TY, BENIN Red, DL1BUG will once again be active as TY5FR from March 6 until April 5. Operation from 80 to 10 metres using CW and SSB. An entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest is included. QSL via home call direct.

V3, BELIZE Mike, VE2XB will be operating from Ambergris Caye as V31ZY during March 16-27, 2026. Activity from 40 to 10 metres using CW and SSB. QSL via homecall direct.

V4, ST KITTS Markus, WW6W will be back as V4/call between May 24 and June 1, 2026. An entry in the CQWW WPX CW contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.

V5, NAMIBIA Hanspeter, HB9BFM will be QRV as V5/call during August 26 to September 20, 2026. QRV from different locations between 16-19 UTC in Olivia 8/250 at 14072.000kHz.

VP8, SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND Amateur Radio DXpeditions (ARDX) is proud to announce plans for a groundbreaking DXpedition to South Georgia Island, set to take place in March 2027.

Operating under the allocated callsign VP0SG, this ambitious activation will target one of the rarest and most logistically challenging DXCC entities, well ranked on top of the Club Log's Most Wanted List, with particularly high demand in some areas of the world.

<https://www.ardxpeditons.com/dxpeditons/vp0sg>

VP9, BERMUDA Paul, VP9KF will be active from Baileys Bay with only a focus on JA and Far East on all bands. An entry in the CQMM contest is included. QSL via home call. <https://vp9kf.com/>

VU4, ANDAMAN ISL The World DXpedition team will be operating during November 2027 from 3 POTA locations. A team with 11 operators Dave WJ2O, K1NZ Nick Maslon; K2SAV, William "Savo" Savacool; K1ZM, Jeff Briggs; N1QV, Miriam Briggs; W0ZB, Steve Keithahn; K3PT, Kyle Snavelly; KD0IVB, Emily Snavelly; K1LZ, Krassy Petkov; VU2RS, Sarath Rayaprollu; and N4VGE, Van Herridge Organizer. Team support members are XYL Judi Savacool and XYL Vicki Herridge is QRV with 5 stations 24/7. [Andaman - World DXpeditions](#)

XX9, MACAO A DXpedition is planned as XX9W with a large team during March 19-31. Activity on HF and 6 metres. Team members are EA1CJ, EA1SA, EA5BCQ, EA5KA, EA5KM, EA7KE, EA7R, EA7X, F2JD, F8ATS, F8GGV, JH4RHF, IK5RUN and IN3ZNR. <https://www.dxfriends.com/xx9w/>

ZK3, TOKELAU The Perseverance DX Group will be QRV from Tokelau. The permission for entering the island is already OK. Plan is to be active in November 2026. Team members include: Rob N7QT, Gene K5GS, Steve W1SRD, Glenn KE4KY, Dave K3EL, Dave WD5COV, Robin WA7CPA, Brian N9ADG, Jackie ZL3CW, Francesco IK0FVC, Laci HA0NAR, Violetta KN2P and Jack N7JP. More to follow.

IOTA

THE NEWCOMERS

OCEANIA

OC-095 Lakeba Isl Jacek, SP5APW will conduct a solo Dxpediton as 3D2JK between April 17 and April 22. QRV on the higher bands and 6 metre using primarily FT8.

Lakeba Island is the rarest IOTA reference in Fiji belonging to the top 10% of the world-wide most wanted references. The last activation of OC-095 was carried out over 20 years ago, in 2004 and currently this reference is in demand by 87% of the IOTA chasers.

THE REMINDERS

AFRICA

AF-084 Abokwa Isl Silvano I2YSB let us know that the Italian DXpedition Team will be active from Abokwa Island (AF-084), Ghana, during the first half of April as 9G5CC, 9G5RR and 9G5ZP. The setup is a 21Mhz VDA, an Elecraft K3 and KPA500 amp with a 3KW generator. Planes frequencies are 21.043 CW, 21.260 SSB, FT8 will start on 21.096.



ASIA

AS-127 Kutubdia Isl Look for team S21DX sometime 2026. They plan to operate for at least 18 hours a day depending generator and the number of team members. Team for now is S21YLJ, S21AM, S21RC, S21FIA and S21RED. Activity from 160 to 10 metres using SSB, FT8 and QO-100. QSL via EB7DX, LoTW.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-178 California State Centre (Sonoma to Santa Cruz County) group_

NA-187 California State Centre (Monterey / San Luis Obispo County) group

Rick, K6VVA has plans to activate these islands sometime in the 3rd quarter of 2026. More to follow.

OCEANIA

OC-066 Rangiroa Atoll Haru, JA1XGI will be operating as TX9XG (dates to follow). Activity from 40 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and digi with an IC-7300MK2 and multiband antennas. QSL via home call, OQRS.

OC-165 Talang-Talang Besar A large team with 12 operators will be active as 9M8T sometime April/May 2026. More to follow.

Antarctic base

Casey Station

Tom, VK2TBC is going to be based at Casey Station, Antarctica and plans to be operational as **VK0TBC** between February and December this year. He will be running with a Flex-8400 and DX Commander plus other wire antennas. QRV when time permits on SSB & FT8.

— Casey Station [webcam](#)

McMurdo Station, Ross Island by Andrew KC4/KL5SE

My 11th season to McMurdo Station, Antarctica. I'll be operating from there as **KC4USV** and as **KC4/KL5SE** from field camps nearby during the 2025-2026 Austral summer season.

So far activity has been from:

Keep an eye on Andrew's QRZ [page](#) for further updates.

Neumayer Station

New ham operator Lasse, DL9LU is active during the entire winter as DP0GVN until December 2026. QSL via OQRS.

Vostok base by Alex UG1A

After Vostok, says Frank (F8DVD), there's a possibility that Alex will go to Ridge B and operate from there. Nothing is certain about that yet so more info later. However, it would be an ATNO for the Worldwide Antarctic Program (WAP) and Polar DX Challenge as Ridge B has never been activated before.

A new callsign have been assigned to Alex for all operations during this season: RI1ANI.

Since 2007, Alex was very active from Progress and Vostok base, mostly in CW but also in SSB with many calls such as R1ANC, R1ANP, RI1ANC, RI1ANV, RI30ANT.

NOTE: Ridge B is one of the least studied areas in Antarctica but has been considered to be a potential location for the oldest ice on Earth. In January 2020, the first scientific traverse from Russia's Vostok Station to the topographical dome of Ridge B was carried out. Ridge B (Dome B) is 3807m above sea level, 79.02°S, 93.69°E).

**Remember it's the ARRL International DX Contest
(CW) this coming weekend.**

Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

OE, AUSTRIA Celebrating World Radio Day, the VIC Amateur Radio Contest DX Club (<https://4u1a.club/>) will operate CW, SSB and digital modes as **4UNR** (United Nations Radio) on 13-28 February. This activity counts for Austria for DXCC, and for the Vienna International Centre for the CQ DX Marathon. QSL via Club Log's OQRS. (TNX 425DX)

THE REMINDERS

9A, CROATIA Throughout 2026, Tom, 9A2AA will use **9A69AA** to mark his 69 years of activity on the amateur radio bands. QSL via home call. (TNX 425DX)

9A, CROATIA **9A10SOTA** is the special callsign celebrating ten years of SOTA Croatia. Look for activity until 30 September 2026. A certificate will be available for contacts made between 1 October and 31 December 2025, see <https://9aff.wordpress.com/> for information. QSL via LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

9A, CROATIA To celebrate their 15th anniversary, members of the Croatian Flora Fauna ARC (9A1WFF) will be active as **9A44FF** and **9A44FF/p** between 1 January and 31 December. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/9A44FF> for information about the Anniversary Award. (TNX 425DX)

CO, CUBA Look for **T45FM** from the Punta Maya Lighthouse during the American Lighthouses Weekend on February 20-22. QRV on HF using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via KR4DWD.

CT, PORTUGAL The Rede dos Emissores Portugueses (REP) has announced an activity open to its members across Portugal during 2026. Using the special callsign **CT100REP** (including /p or /m), this year-long collective activity celebrates the 100th anniversary of the founding of the REP, Portugal's IARU society. Operation is planned across various HF, VHF, and UHF bands using multiple modes (SSB, CW, Digital) and satellites. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY Celebrating a half-century of German research in Antarctica, special callsigns **DA0ANT**, **DM50ANT** and **DP50ANT** will be active from 15 February to 30 April. In addition, active on 1-30 April will also be **DM50GFS** (for the 50th anniversary of the Georg Forster Station, established by the GDR in 1976 and decommissioned in 1993), as well as **DP200GVN** (for the bicentenary of the birth of Georg von Neumayer, after whom three German Antarctic research stations have been named). See <https://50ant.hamaward.de/en/german-antarctic-research/> for complete information on the "50 Years of German Antarctic Research" award. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY During 2026, the following special event stations celebrate 100 years of the German aviation company Lufthansa: **DA100LH**, **DL100LH** and **DK100LH** (special DOK 100DLH). QSL via DK5ON (d/B). (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY To commemorate the centenary of the first Kurzwellentagung - the landmark convention for German shortwave enthusiasts held in Jena on 16-17 January 1926 - the special callsign **DF100KWTJ** will be active between 1 January and 31 March. QSL via bureau. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY The special event stations **DA100TV** and **DL100TV** (special DOK 100TV) celebrate 10 years of television in Germany during 2026. QSL via DK5ON (d/B). (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY The special callsign **DB100FT** will be active throughout 2026 to celebrate the centenary of the Berlin Radio Tower (Funkturn), one of the city's most iconic landmarks. The 150-metre-high steel lattice tower occupies a prominent place in the history of radio broadcasting in Germany, as it was used to broadcast transmissions starting in 1926. QSL via the bureau, or direct to DO2PZ. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY DARC Team SES will be active as **DL25WIKI** throughout 2026. The special callsign celebrates the 25th anniversary of Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia, founded in January 2001: "the station reflects the spirit of free knowledge and international collaboration within the amateur radio community. Wikipedia and amateur radio share common values: openness, education, technical enthusiasm, and world-wide networking". QSL cards will be sent automatically via the bureau; QSOs will also be uploaded to LoTW and the DCL (DARC Community Logbook) (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY **DQ30GDXF** is the special callsign celebrating the 30th anniversary of the German DX Foundation (<https://www.gdx.de/>) during 2026. QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

On the scene...VP8TDX Falkland Islands



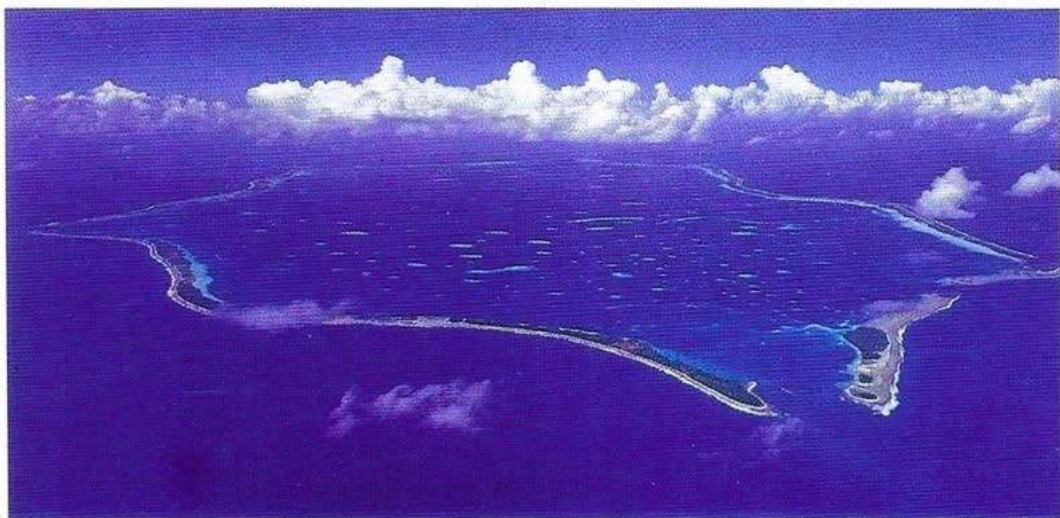
DL, GERMANY To celebrate the Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games Milano Cortina 2026, the DARC Team SES will be active as **DD2026OWG** (1 February-1 March) and **DD2026WPG** (1 March-1 April). QSLs via DK5ON, LoTW and DCL (DARC Community Logbook) (TNX 425DX)

F, FRANCE Look for special event station **TM23AAW** to be on air from February 16 to March 2, 2026. Activity is to celebrate the 23th Antarctic Activity Week. All info on this event on <https://www.qrz.com/db/TM23AAW>

Operation will be made by François F8DVD from his QTH of Mâcon, east part of France, 60 km North of Lyon (JN26JH). The new reference for WAP program is 358. Operations will be on HF band from 10 to 40 meters. QSL via F8DVD, Direct (SAE + 3 USD) or via Buro.

For more information about that Antarctic event, have a look to www.waponline.it

Land of QSL <https://www.facebook.com/groups/landofqsls/>



An aerial view of Tongareva. Also known as Penrhyn, it is the northernmost of the Cook Islands.



ZK1KDN

G, ENGLAND GB50PUNK is a special callsign for David, G3SKA "and team" to use at various times between 1 January and 31 December to celebrate 50 years of punk rock music. QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log and eQSL; QSL via the bureau or direct. Updates will be posted to <https://www.facebook.com/61585208894891>. (TNX 425DX)

HA, HUNGARY Hungarian physicist Zoltan Bay (1900-1992) played a pivotal role in advancing Earth-Moon-Earth (EME) communication through his pioneering experiment conducted on 6 February 1946. To commemorate the 80th anniversary of Bay's achievements, the Hungarian Radio Amateur Society (MRASZ) is hosting a special radio activity. Look for **HG80BAY**, **HG80EARTH**, **HG80EME**, **HG80LUNA**, **HG80MOON**, **HG80RADAR** to be QRV on 6-28 February. QSL via LoTW and Club Log's OQRS. Commemorative certificates will be available on <https://mrasz.org/bay80>. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Members of ARI Milano, ARI Cadore and ARI Brunico/Bruneck will activate special callsigns **II2WOG** (QSL via IQ2MI), **II3COR** (QSL via IQ3DD), **II3WOG** (QSL via IQ3ED), and **II3BIA** (QSL via IQ3ED) between 6 February and 22 March for the Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games Milano Cortina 2026. Certificates and eQSLs will be available on <https://hamaward.cloud/>. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Throughout 2026, ARI Fidenza (IQ4FE), with the patronage and historical supervision of the Guglielmo Marconi Foundation, will use a series of special callsigns, each representing one of the "key figures who played a fundamental role in Marconi's personal and emotional, educational and cultural, academic, scientific and, finally, entrepreneurial development": **II4AJMR** (February), **II4AMRC** (March), **II4JDVS** (April), **II4ROSA** (May), **II4PRCE** (June), **II4JAFL** (July), **II4KEMP** (August), **II4PAGE** (September), **II4NTTI** (October), **II4GCLB** (November), **II4SLRI** (December). QSL via LoTW, or direct only to IQ4FE. Complete information about the "Marconi Supporters" award: <http://www.arifidenza.it/> (TNX 425DX)

LZ, BULGARIA Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special callsigns during 2026 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ1426EN** (February), **LZ488AM** (March and April), **LZ370TL** (May and June), **LZ67PP** (July and August), **LZ936BA** (September and October), **LZ911TD** (November and December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2026 Award" can be found at <https://www.lz1kcp.com/> (TNX 425DX)

On the scene...VP8TDX Falkland Islands



OZ, DENMARK Look for **OZ1000Z** to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first legal Danish amateur radio license. In March 1926, the Ministry of Public Works finally decided to give experimental Danish amateurs access to build and operate private radio transmitting stations on a legal basis. Thus, Børge Jørgensen OZ7BJ and James Steffensen

OZ7JS became the first two Danish radio amateurs to be issued a valid Danish broadcasting license and this happened in March 1926 - 100 years ago.

Operation from March 1 until March 8. See [Kalender for OZ1000Z](#) (TNX 425DX)

PY, BRAZIL Celebrating the the Liga de Amadores Brasileiros de Radio Emissao's 92nd anniversary, 28 special callsigns - representing LABRE and the 27 Brazilian federative units (26 states and one federal district) - will be active on 1-28 February: **ZV1ES** (Espírito Santo), **ZV1RJ** (Rio de Janeiro), **ZV2DF** (Distrito Federal), **ZV2GO** (Goiás), **ZV2LB** (LABRE), **ZV2SP** (Sao Paulo), **ZV2TO** (Tocantins), **ZV3RS** (Rio Grande do Sul), **ZV4MG** (Minas Gerais), **ZV5PR** (Parana), **ZV5SC** (Santa Catarina), **ZV6BA** (Bahia), **ZV6SE** (Sergipe), **ZV7AL** (Alagoas), **ZV7CE** (Ceara), **ZV7PB** (Paraiba), **ZV7PE** (Pernambuco), **ZV7RN** (Rio Grande do Norte), **ZV8AC** (Acre), **ZV8AM** (Amazonas), **ZV8AP** (Amapa), **ZV8MA** (Maranhao), **ZV8PA** (Para), **ZV8PI** (Piaui), **ZV8RO** (Rondonia), **ZV8RR** (Roraima), **ZV9MS** (Mato Grosso do Sul), **ZV9MT** (Mato Grosso). The activation will cover all bands and modes, and satellite communications. Certificates will be available on <https://live.hampass.com/labre-92>; paper QSL cards will not be issued. (TNX 425DX)

SP, POLAND The Dobrzycki Amateur Radio Club (SP3PDO) will use twelve special callsigns during 2026 to honour as many different Polish saints: **SP1440SL** (February), **SP1040SSZ** (March), **SP1865JML** (April), **SP1920KW** (May), **SP1373JA** (June), **SP1183JO** (July), **SP1905MFK** (August), **SP1373AB** (September), **SP1550SK** (October), **SP1234KK** (November) and **SP1835JK** (December). QSLs via SP3PDO. See <https://radioawards.club/ses/155> for the certificates. (TNX 425DX)

SP, POLAND Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the city of Gdynia, six special callsigns - namely **SP100G**, **SQ100D**, **SO100Y**, **SN100N**, **HF100I** and **3Z100A** - will be activated on 7-22 February. A certificate will be available, see <https://ot09.pzk.org.pl/akcje/100gdynia/100gdy.php> for the details. QSLs are "not required, but if you need PSE via SP2PGD". (TNX 425DX)

UR, UKRAINE **EM100W** and **EN100WLKK** are two special callsigns celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Lviv Shortwave Club, founded in 1926 as Lwowski Klub Krotkofalowcow (LKK). It was one of the largest European clubs before World War II. A commemorative certificate will be available, see <https://www.qrz.com/db/EM100W> for information. (TNX 425DX)

UR, UKRAINE To celebrate his 50th anniversary in amateur radio, Nick, US8AR will be active throughout 2026 using the special callsign **EM50AR**. Electronic QSL cards can be downloaded from <https://em50ar.pp.ua> (TNX 425DX)

UR, UKRAINE Established in 1947, the British Faraday Antarctic Station was transferred to Ukraine in February 1996, and renamed Akademik Vernadsky. Celebrating that 30th anniversary, five special callsigns will be active from 1 February to 1 March: **EM30VER**, and operated by Antarctic veterans **EM30KY** (op. UT1KY), **EM30KCC** (op. UR5KCC), **EM30LV** (op. UR8LV), **EN30UA** (op. UT7UA). A certificate will be available, see <https://www.qrz.com/db/EM30VER> for information. (TNX 425DX)

VK, AUSTRALIA **AX120AAC** celebrates the 120th anniversary of the Australian Army Cadets (AAC) during 2026. (TNX DXNL)

W, USA **W7P** is the callsign for the Northern Arizona DX Association to conduct a 10-year special event countdown to the 100th anniversary of the discovery of Pluto by Clyde Tombaugh at Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona (18 February 1930). The inaugural event was held in 2021; this year's Pluto Anniversary Countdown will run on 14-22 February. Also, Doug Tombaugh (N3PDT), Clyde Tombaugh's nephew, will be operating during the event as W7P/0. QSL direct, see https://www.nadxa.com/w7p_pluto_2030.html for information (TNX 425DX)

YO, ROMANIA **YR1600VT** is the special callsign that members of Radio Club YO6KGS will be using until 31 March 2026 to popularize Via Transilvanica, the long-distance trail (1600 km) used for hiking, cycling and horse riding that crosses Romania. More information can be found on <https://www.qrz.com/db/YR1600VT>. QSL via eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

YU, SERBIA To commemorate the 170th anniversary of Nikola Tesla's birth, members of the Amateur Radio Union of Serbia (YU0SRS) are active as **YT170TESLA** until the end of the year. QSL via LoTW; paper QSL cards will not be available. (TNX 425DX)

YU, SERBIA The special event callsign **YU65AEC** celebrates the 65th anniversary of the first radio club in Odzaci throughout 2026. (TNX DXNL)

YU, SERBIA The radio club Mihajlo Pupin YU7BCD in Pancevo celebrates its 45th anniversary during 2026 with the callsign **YU45MJA**. QSL via LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

ZL, NEW ZEALAND **ZL60PAH** is the special callsign for Phil, ZL3PAH to use from 23 November to 22 February 2026 to celebrate his diamond jubilee in amateur radio. He will operate CW, RTTY, and "maybe a little SSB too" on 80-10 metres. QSL via LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

ZL, NEW ZEALAND ZL100C is a special callsign celebrating the centenary of the New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters (NZART), which was formed on 16 August 1926. The callsign is valid until 6 August 2026. QSL via the bureau and LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

ZL, NEW ZEALAND The New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters (NZART) was founded in Auckland in 1926. To celebrate their centenary, NZART members are encouraged to use the **ZM** prefix during the 2026 year; in addition, individual operators and NZART branches can apply to use special **ZL100** callsigns for a period of 1 to 3 months - e.g. Ian ZL1MVL and the Whangarei Amateur Radio Club (ZL1AM) will be using **ZL100MVL** and **ZL100AM**, respectively, until 31 March. (TNX 425DX)

On the scene...AU7RS Lakshadweep -now QRT



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